IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 1-18 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the recited subject matter.

Please ADD new claims 19-30, as follows. For the Examiner's convenience, all claims currently pending in this application have been reproduced below:

1-18. (Canceled)

19. (New) An information processing apparatus used for an exposure system, said apparatus comprising:

a generation unit which generates a parameter file described in a markup language based on a parameter used in the exposure system, the parameter file including information for displaying an image concerning at least one of a shot layout and a sample shot for an exposure process to be performed by the exposure system, and a program for editing the image; and a providing unit which provides the parameter file to another information

processing apparatus out of the exposure system.

- 20. (New) An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the program is described in a script language.
- 21. (New) An apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising a first reception unit which receives the parameter from the exposure system.

- 22. (New) An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said providing unit transmits the parameter file to the other information processing apparatus.
- 23. (New) An apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising a second reception unit which receives the parameter file from the other information processing apparatus.
- 24. (New) An apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising a transmitting unit which transmits a parameter edited via the program to the exposure system.
- 25. (New) An information processing method used for an exposure system, said method comprising steps of:

generating a parameter file described in a markup language based on a parameter used in the exposure system, the parameter file including information for displaying an image concerning at least one of a shot layout and a sample shot for an exposure process to be performed by the exposure system, and a program for editing the image; and

providing the parameter file to another information processing apparatus out of the exposure system.

26. (New) A method according to claim 25, wherein the program is described in a script language.

- 27. (New) A method according to claim 25, further comprising a first reception step of receiving the parameter from the exposure system.
- 28. (New) A method according to claim 25, wherein said providing step transmits the parameter file to the other information processing apparatus.
- 29. (New) A method according to claim 25, further comprising a second reception step of receiving the parameter file from the other information processing apparatus.
- 30. (New) A method according to claim 25, further comprising a transmitting step of transmitting a parameter edited via the program to the exposure system.